## CLAIMS

## What is claimed is:

1. A microscope slide stainer with random access slide staining capability comprising:

a moving platform;

a plurality of heating stations on the platform, each heating station adapted to support at least one microscope slide bearing biological samples; and electronic control for heating the individual heating surfaces to individual temperatures.

2. Amicroscope slide stainer as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the heating surfaces supports a single microscope slide.

3. A microscope slide stainer as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a temperature sensor for sensing microscopic slide temperature.

4. A microscope slide stainer as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a thermocouple for sensing microscope slide temperature.

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